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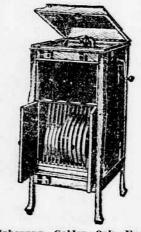
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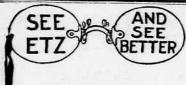
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III .- How Uncle Sam Spends His Money.

By Oliver Owen Kuhn.

The member of Congress who is ap pointed to a position on the committee Representatives is likely to become s familiar with money in enormous sums that the ordinary household bud-

The appropriations committee brings out each year a "sundry civil bill" amounting nowadays to \$125,000,000; a coast fortifications bill which will amount this year to \$12,000,000; a legislative, executive and judicial bill amounting to \$40,000,000 and providing for most of the salaried positions under the government; a bill covering "deficiencies" where departments have spent money for unforessen emergencies amounting to \$15,000,000, and a bill for the expenses of the District of Columbia averaging \$12,000,000. To handle the bills containing these princely sums a committee of twenty-one members of the House, all drawing \$7,500 each annually, gets together around big mahogany tables and goes to work like a beaver to delve into the necessity of every item in the Treasury's estimates. For convenience sake in handling the drafts of the various bills the committee is divided into subcommittees, each of which handles one separate bill.

What Pork Barrel though it is not the "pork barrel" com- grave. mittee, so called. Such committees, so mittee on public buildings and grounds. The "pork harre" bills are he measure authorizing the several million dollars' worth of river improvement and erection of case of river improvement and erection of case public structures in large and small towns. However, so can add the public structures in large and small towns. However, so can add the same and the public structures in large and small towns. However, so can add the same and the public structures in large and small towns. However, so can add the same and the public structures in large and small towns. However, so can add the same and the public structures in large and small towns. However, so can add the same and the public structures in the suppropriations committee may possibly set saide \$1,000 for the plans. Then another were may be passed and the total cost may amount to \$2.5.

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The appropriations committee reports to the House an item carrying something upon which the Treasury may base a ware the state of the proportion bill and the passage of an appropriation bill and the pass often the object of attack, are the committee on rivers and harbors and the com-

Attempts Made to as these measthe right of way over all legislation attempts are made annually to amend them so as to carry new laws or various subjects. Practically all repre sentatives admit this is a vicious practice. sometimes resulting in ill-digested legisla-

tion, but nevertheless it is a part of the

ystem and "it goes." Until 1865 the ways and means committee of the House included in its powers not only the function of raising money, but of spending it, too. In that money, but of spending it, too. In that year the first appropriation committee was created, and the latter body framed and carried through all appropriations of the United States until 1888, when the original "pork barrel" committee was created—the rivers and harbors body. Five years later the House took away from the appropriations committee the military and naval bills, the diplomatic appropriation measure. Sometimes fealousy is ascribed as the cause of this split-up, and there is almost an annual attempt to return these various lost bill-making functions to the appropriations committee proper. The reason given is that one committee can thus have a co-ordinated spending policy which can be transmitted to the House.

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House.

On the other hand, there is always a demand for commettee chairmanships, which mean prestize and power for the congressman holding them, and any attempt to change the existing conditions meets with a loud and long wail and much unpopularity for the member who suggests such a thing. There is not the slightest doubt, however, in the minds of many congressmen that the manner in which the appropriations now are handled results in the lack of co-ordination and causes increased expenditures.

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After the various appropriations have been thoroughly sifted in committee they are reported to the House, and Takes Up Bills. That body immediters at the whole, where, item by item, the measures are again gone over. The measures then are reported to take, but, inasmuch as it is absolutely incumbent upon that body to see fit to pass the appropriation measures, this action, needless to state, is taken. The measures then are prepared for submission to the Senate, and the Senate committees handling vari
Ten years." So I thought." Miss Shader was making wretched work of her knitting, but her pride kept her at it. "Ten years." She tried to stife a sigh. "You have pleased me very well. I hope, Kate, that you have had the sense to lay something by?"

Kate began to fuss with the peonies. "Well, not as much as I should," she said. "You see, at first there were mother and doctor bills. That took everything. But since she died I've saved something—I think, with my interest, about \$500."

"That wouldn't last long if you were sick or out of employment."

"No," Kate said. A shade of trouble crossed her face. Five hundred dollars seemed a good deal to her. But, of course, to Mrs. Shader it must seem very little.

"You have been very dutiful," Miss Shader said. "Tve found great comfort in you, Kate. You have been more than a servant; you have been my friend, my companion." The woman flushed with pleasure. "It has always been my intention to do something for you. Kate," Miss Shader was

into apprepriation measures by way of amendment the House is notified that the Senate has aproved the measures, with certain amendments.

The House then must consider whether or not it shall agree to the changes, and in nine cases Fight for Vantage Among Conferees. out of ten

mestions and issues are involved, it the measure over which the two bodies houses having pretty well defined ideas of what is right and wrong in the "xpenditure of federal moneys for the Any man who may hold the controlling vote on a proposal to spend nearly
\$3,500,000 for a trifle like the traveling
expenses of congressmen is not likely
to have many qualms at spending a
nickel for his own carfare.

And the chairman who has the duty
of bringing into the House for parsage
a bill appropriating nearly \$125,000,000
for the "sundries" of the government
is quite likely to remain unperturbed
when some resident of his district
wants him to move heaven and earth
to get the government to allow an old
war claim amounting to as much as
\$300.

The appropriations committee brings
out each year a "sundry civil bill"
amounting nowadays to \$125,000,000;
a legislative, executive and judicial

Then, and then only, and upon the country's necessities. The conferees signature.

signature.
Then, and then only, and upon the proper presentation of warrants is the Treasury permitted to pay out the funds to the various branches of the

THE EVENING STORY MISS SHADER'S KATE.

steps and waited as the postman swung river and harbor appropriations and the up the long stretch of walk from the priations and the public building appropriations come from this committee, allow bere discussed by the smiled, for he was young and had known her a long time, and expected her to smile back. But her pected her to smile back. But her peasant place."

"That's so," returned Kate quietly. She did not interfere as Miss Shader went on with her preparations. She only, if anything, grew a little more public building gate. He smiled, for he was young and Measures Comprise. committee, al- plain, kind, strong face continued to be

Shader?" he asked. Shader?" he asked.

Kate shook her head. "Oh, she's well enough. Only anxious around mail time. Any letters, Tommy?"

Steint.

"I wonder if she took care of her money, after all." Miss Shader thought. "I ean't get anything out of her lately. She seems to have grown very sensitive."

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WITHOUT GLANCING AT IT KATE CARRIED IT INDOORS.

ice as well as her prominently veined hands shook. "Kate, how long have you been with me?" "Ten years." "So I thought." Miss Shader was

measures, this action, needless to state, is taken. The measures then are prepared for submission to the Senate, and the Senate committees handling various sections of the national appropriations get down to work.

The labor in this section of Congress is not as ardous, however, as in the House where all appropriations are whipped into their proper shape and co-ordinated. With this work largely done it remains only for the Senate committees to take up the various items pertaining to all branches of the government, see whether they are too small, too large, or whether all needed appropriations are made. The work is done chiefly by subcommittees, and their reports almost invariably are accepted by the full committee, which after due consideration reports them out to the Senate proper. Here amendments may be, and are, offered.

Appropriation measures as passed by the House and as they come out of the Senate almost invariably show marked variance. Through the years the Senate lamost invariably show marked variance. Through the years the Senate lamost invariably show marked variance. Through the senate has shown a tendency to be more liberal in the expenditure of government moneys than has the House. After the Senate has written its decrees

faithful woman who loved her. She hever let Kate know how she had to plan and contrive to get the money nor how often she could have used it with advantage to herself. MEXICANS IN THE

By Frederic J. Haskin

advantage to herself.

So eleven years passed. Miss Shader was seventy now and likely to last many years longer. She came of a long-lived race. Always delicate of frame she yet had a wonderfully tenacious hold upon her life. She knew it, and it troubled her. For her money alas! was not likely to last so long as she did.

An unscrupulous creditor wound things up at last. He literally turned Mexico refugees have been pouring different race from any of the old Mex- to Frank Nightingale, is being painte Antonio and cast to New Orleans in census recently taken by the government shows that over half the popula-

SHE CRAMMED A LARGE UMBRELLA

These Mexicans living in the United States who for themselves as a class have won for themselves a very doubtful standing. The area were doubtful standing on the border states upon everything, and she could not shall not be a law-steel states. I kkewise he may be a peaceful farmer, a citizen of heavy be an anomaly in any other state would be an anomaly in any other state in the Union, but in New Mexico it is strained by the strained was a standing. The area were doubtful standing on the border states upon were the stress of few which are the stress of the weeken in the Union, but in New Mexico it is strained by the appear of a handit. Furthermore, the situation is most anomalous in the Union, but in New Mexico it is strained by the appear of a handit. Furthermore, the situation is most anomalous in the Union, but in New Mexico it is strained by the appear of a handit of the universal would be an anomaly in any other state in the Union, but in New Mexico it is strained by the appear of a handit. Furthermore, and so she was going to here a law-stories that the world. The long-expected prince had never come, and so she was going to here are she had been happy and considered beneath here are all the world. The long-expected prince had never come, and so she was going to here are well as the strained on the United States who have a better claim to the United States who have a better claim to the command of the United States who have a better claim to the United States who have a better claim to the United States who have a better claim to the United States who have a better claim to the command of the United States who have a b

The new combination hoister and dredge Atlas, built at Alexandria by the Dravo Contracting Company of Pitts-burgh for the United States engineer office at this city, is described as being the most complete vessel of her class in service on the Atlantic coast. The machinery with which she is fitted is of the most modern and efficient type, and the machine is equipped with baths and other conveniences for the men, though she has as yet no sleeping quarters aboard her. These will, in all probability, be installed later.

men of their blood. Our Spanish amenications to fight old Mexico, or anything else, and frequently are ready and willing to say they make you are specially enthusiastic about military training.

The greater number of these Mexican citizens of the United States live in New Mexico, where they still constitute the greater part of the population. There are probably about 200,000 of them. Colorado and Arizona together might contain another fifty thousand, and there are some of the same type in Texas and southern California.

These Spanish Americans are not of the





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The aristocratic refugee sets himself up comfortably in some city in the United States and plots and works for the glory of Mexico and himself; but the poor peon has no such easy way of life. When it gets too hot for him in his own country he packs his household goods in a great creaking wagon drawn by two scrawny little cayuses and laboriously moves his family into the United States. And then, perhaps, the Texas rangers start hunting Mexi- | Show Great Talent cans, and he sighs and drags his estabishment wearily back across the international bridge. He cares not for factions or theories of government. He prays only for peace to raise beans These Mexicans living in the United

as a class have won for them-a very doubtful standing. The possessed it for a time, and sent it some good governors and some bad ones. Then it became a part of the United States, and had a much better government than ever before. The Apaches were driven out, and the railroads came, and with them much "dinero" from the far-away east. These things, the Mexican people know, were done for them by "Tio Samuel"; they know that if they belonged to Old Mexico now there would be sad times. Wherefore, they are a very loyal part of the citizenry of the United States.

in the battles of Valverde, Glorieta and Peralta in the civil war. These men who died fighting for the Union, and saved the southwest from the Confederates, were nearly all so-called "Mexicans." (They prefer to be known as Spanish-Americans if they are to be distinguished at all.) In the governor's "palace" there is a tablet in memory of Capt./Luna, who raised a company of native troops in 1898 and was killed in Cuba. When the trouble with Mexico first became acute, three members of the Chavez family, one of the oldest and best known of Spanish blood in New Mexico, wrote to their representative in Congress that they wished to offer their services to the United States Army. They expressed a sentiment that is widely felt among the men of their blood. Our Spanish-American citizens are ready and will-Combination Hoister and Dredge for

me blood as the old Mexico Mexicans CRAFT BEING OVERHAULED. Of Different Blood in the southern re Pleasure Boats Are Made Ready for

This Side Border, scent from the Summer Season Spanish conquerors, but there is much In preparation for being launched for Indian blood, both of the ancient semi-

of pleasure craft that have been ou ones. In New Mexico, on the other hand, of the water at Regan's boatyard since there is much pure Spanish blood, while last fall are receiving their sprin those of mixed descent have in their veins overhauling and painting. the blood of the Pueblo Indians-a very | The power boat Never Tell, belonging

to Frank Nightingale, is being painted and will receive such hull repairs as are increased in an infusion of Indian blood into the lower classes.

These Maxican fellow citizens so ours are hyphometed Americans who wear the hyphen with an excellent grace. Their devotion to the ideals of their own race is only exceeded by their absolute loyalty to Uncle Sam. In the larger towns all those of the younger generation go to American schools and speak excellent English In the out-of-the-way counties, where the population is almost exclusively Mexican little is heard but Spanish. The Mexican citizen is quick to learn English when he has the opportunity, but sure to remember his own tongue and speak it in his family.

Edwin Washington Harn, seventy-six

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